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In re Application of
Inventor(s):
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TITLE

ROLLER COATING

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RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S ELECTION REQUEST
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction requirement dated February 11, 2005.

Restriction has been required between five distinct species comprising (1) a roller applicator, claims 1-16, and 18; (2) a die applicator, claim 23; (3) a curtain applicator, claim 24; (4) a spray applicator, claim 25; and (5) immersion, claims 26-30.

The Examiner states that applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner points out that currently claims 17, 19-22, and 31 are generic. The Examiner further states that the applicant should present a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

In order that this response be complete the applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the species 1 to the roller applicator of claims 1-16 and 18. The applicant believes that claims 1-22 and 31 are readable on the elected species.

It is respectfully urged, in traversal, that the requirement for species election should be reconsidered and withdrawn. The species all deal with different methods of adding material to a product roller. It is respectfully urged that a complete search of this invention would necessarily be coextensive with the search of any of the species. Therefore, in the interest of compact prosecution it is respectfully urged that the species election be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all claims be examined in one examination.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that an early action on the merits of all claims of this application be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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